

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s) ) Ralph Theodore HOFMEISTER et al.  
Application No. ) 10/769,891  
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Title ) METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PERFORMING DATA  
FLOW INGRESS/EGRESS ADMISSION CONTROL IN A  
PROVIDER NETWORK  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed January 10, 2008, rejecting Claims 2, 7, 8, and 14, objecting to Claims 3-6, 9-13, and 15-21, and allowing Claim 1 of the above-referenced Application, in which Claims 1-21 are pending, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered and remarks be considered. In view of these amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that the Application is now in condition for allowance and respectfully request such action.

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